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re: Wise Course for Water Planning

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to step forward and declare yourself in favor of a wise course for water -- to improve water quality, to protect and in some cases, restore our rivers, bays and fisheries, to encourage water conservation and efficiency before even considering new dams or reservoirs, and to halt making taxpayers pay for studies of new dams and reservoirs which flood valuable habitat and waste water through excessive evaporation.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to take the lead in a departure from the old ways which have been proven to be very damaging to the environment. Rivers were not made to be dammed. Fish are not supposed to be blocked from their natural spawning grounds. The San Francisco Bay was not meant to be totally salt water and so polluted that some fish are unsafe to eat.

The draft CALFED Bay/Delta documents to be released this summer could pave the way to a healthier California for the next several decades. Thank you for firm and responsible leadership in this vital matter.

Sincerely,

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